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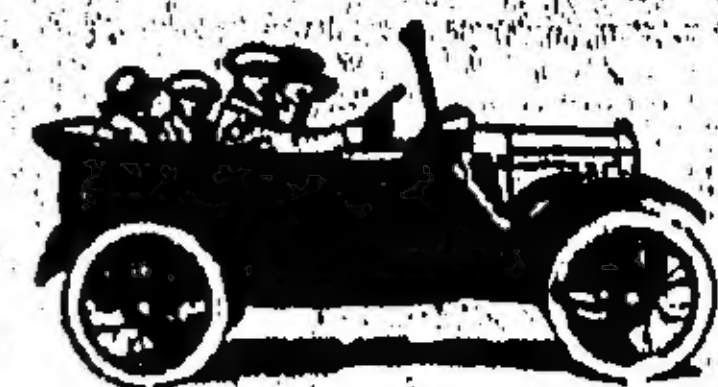
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SNAKES ALIVE. THRIVING HONGKONG INDUSTRY. CHRISTMAS DELICACIES. How To Be Among The Elite.

Europeans may chaff each other at this time of the year about snakes with pink spots, but the Chinese take the matter quite seriously.

Not because it is the festive season but because it is considered desirable to expunge the "cold wind of the winter" from the system, local Cantonese are having a very busy time at present with snakes, both great and little.

Let it be stated at once that these are not of the rainbow variety but are real reptiles from Kwangtung's wilds.

Reference to the Telephone Co.'s Chinese directory—which is not indexed but is divided according to professions and trades—will show that the purveying of live snakes as a delicacy is a business which commands a respectable turnover annually and gives employment to hundreds of people in the Colony, while the hunters up-country earn enough, "in the season" to live comfortably for the whole year.

That which is most prized in a snake is the spleen. In the average snake the spleen is worth at least over \$2. The remainder of the live snake fetches something like a dollar. A dead snake has no value at all.

It is not every specimen of snake that is marketable or rather, considered edible. Mainly there are three kinds, all poisonous, which make up the famous Chinese dish of "Three Snake Union." To be in the elite one must be able to speak of the money expended during the cold weather on "Three Snake Spleen."

A telephone order will bring the snake man together with his wares. Usually the snakes, numbering about fifty, are carried in empty flour sacks, but a more progressive merchant has devised a tub for the snakes from which the spleens have been removed.

On a bargain being struck the snake-man inserts his hand into a bag and draws forth a snake by its tail. By touching it in a manner which resembles a tickle in the ribs, the vendor can hold the snake with one hand and, simultaneously keep its tail down with his foot. Struggle if it will, the snake cannot move its head back and an expert passing of the hand down the body at once reveals the position of the spleen. A prod with a small, but very sharp, knife and out the spleen squirts into a plate. As each snake is approved of by the customer, so its spleen is removed.

When an equal number has been dealt with from each bag, the sale has been completed. Those that are minus their spleens are put in the tub, for disposal wholesale, to the smaller class of restaurants, which cater for snake delicacies.

Each spleen is at once cleaned and a greenish, slimy liquid extracted from it is poured into a receptacle, stirred up and then emptied into a jar of special brew. All that is wanted is the greenish liquid and when weighed it is found to be more

costly than opium, about half as costly as 100 fine gold-leaf, or about 15 times as valuable as silver. Mixed with the samshu it becomes a beverage which is said to be highly beneficial as it removes the wind from one's system and is, at the same time, a strong stimulant.

Eating-houses of the class mentioned, have a gala menu for the festive season, designated as the "Dragon-Phoenix Union," the snake being described, in a flight of fancy, as the dragon and a

ARMED ROBBERIES. RICE DEALER'S SHOP RAIDED.

ONE FORTY-SEVEN.

A rice dealer's shop at No. 113, Connaught Road West, ground floor, was entered by armed robbers early this morning while the inmates were asleep. There were six men in the gang, one armed with a revolver and another with a dagger.

A sum of \$500 and a deposit receipt for \$1,000 were stolen from the safe.

One of the folk, who was awakened by the noise made by the robbers in the course of their search, was stabbed in the leg on the man attempting to raise an alarm.

The incident was reported to the police this morning.

Affair at Ping Chau.
The police have received information of another armed robbery committed at Ping Chau. No details are available at the moment.

BROKERS PLEASED.

GOOD SETTLEMENT DAY.

PRICES REMAIN HIGH.

"Bears" And A Drop Of Ten Points.

Armed with cheque-books, transfer deeds and share scrip, Hong-kong brokers generally deserted Ice House Street this morning to carry out "Settlement Day."

There being no secret that the December settlement would be unusually big, brokers, clerks, runners, jobbers and everybody who claims to be anybody in the sphere of "stocks and shares," were down to their offices early this morning.

Instead of holding impromptu conferences in "Brokers' Alley" as is their usual custom, one and all were speeding backwards and forwards as fast as three-piece-men richies could carry them. At 10.30 there were the usual

daily meetings but it seemed generally conceded that there would be no sensations in the official quotations. Without exception, everybody was busy getting the settlement through.

Talk having been heard that certain persons would be hard pressed, a "China Mail" reporter set out to inquire if any sensations would be forthcoming. Several brokers, unwillingly stopping their richies, gave out that as far as they knew, the parties concerning whom anxiety had been felt, had been well prepared for contingencies. However, the feature that pleased most of the brokers was that shares which had reached extraordinarily high levels, had stayed high; and that other stocks which they badly wanted to rise had duly appreciated in value.

Four weeks back it had been hinted that unless the prices of certain shares climbed considerably, those who had bought forward for December settlement, would be hard hit. Apparently, these shares had gone up. The other stocks which had "jumped up" and had given cause for anxiety had also come along in style and, to-day, were reported to be finishing strongly.

Asked to give his opinion as to what shares commanded the most attention, a broker, who fortunately for the reporter had missed his richie coolie and therefore consented to fall into stride, said that Cements (combined) were firm at \$26 and were considered to be worth that—if not a higher figure—on their merits. "Star" Ferries, he mentioned, were done at \$130 and "Trams" at \$56 for January. "Bears," was the laconic explanation he gave in reply to a query by the uninitiated as to why a certain stock had dropped ten points in a day, but he added that the position was now normal.

At this stage the missing coolie arrived. Realising it was a final opportunity, the reporter asked whether the volume for to-day would be a record. As an excuse for breaking away, the broker replied, "Do you think brokers have nothing better to do than to compile comparative statistics? Merchants have the Imports and Exports Department to look to and you might get a comparison by trying the Stamp Office if you want to work out a graph." As a parting shot, he ventured, "If December does not beat last October's record, it will at least equal it." "Approximately, how much?" the reporter queried.

Having gone some distance, the broker called back, "Oh, millions and millions," and disappeared round the Hotel corner.

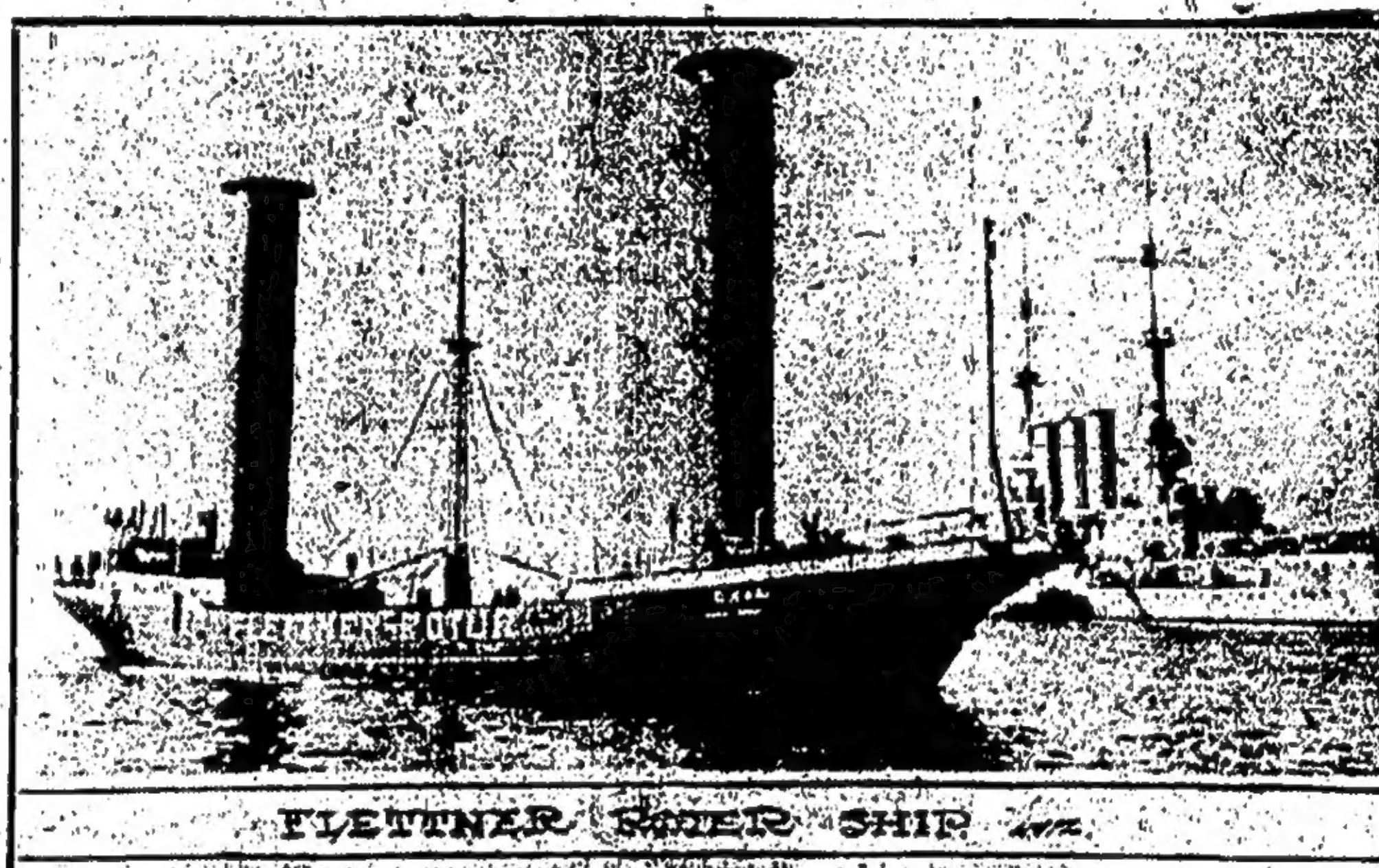
Later in the morning, another leading broker was called upon and his reply was that if anybody was looking for sensations he would be disappointed. Preparations behind the scenes had dispelled much of the concern and with such a thing as a "possible carry-over here and there," he thought that the settlement would pass through satisfactorily. He mentioned that a part of the big volume was attributable to "carry-overs" from the October settlement and that most of the business for settlement to-day, was transacted two, if not three, months ago. There might be one or two who might not like the way in which "Hotels" had moved but even here there was no cause for alarm.

In conclusion, he informed the reporter that with a buoyant spirit and firm under-tone in the whole market, prospects were exceptionally bright for the beginning of next year.

Steps Group.

It stops group. That's why, m'lord, keep Chamberlain's Ointment in the house. It contains no narcotics and is best for the children, for sore throats, etc.

THE MARINE SENSATION OF THE YEAR.



Here is shown the sailless sailing ship, built by the German engineer, Anton Flettner, which has proved the marine sensation of the year. It is shown in Kiel harbour. Instead of sails, Flettner uses two revolving towers, smooth and capped at each end, to assure the formation of a perfect vacuum. There is no propeller whatever, but the towers are revolved by a small Diesel engine. Only the position of the towers on the ship and the rudder control its direction of travel. Momentum is given by the pressure of wind from an angle on the revolving towers, whose effective speed is regulated to correspond to the velocity of the wind.

MORE TROUBLE.

ALBANIA AGAIN IN TURMOIL.

CHARGE AND COUNTERCHARGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 22.
Reports of fighting in Albania, mentioned on December 20, are conflicting.

Britain is doing her best to localise the trouble, by giving advice to the parties concerned, but the report of the dispatch of British war-ships is not true.

SEMI-OFFICIAL DENIAL.

Belgrade, December 22.
The Albanian allegations that Yugo-Slavian troops are participating in the Albanian rising are semi-officially denied.

HAND OF RUSSIA?

The newspapers suggest that the Albanian Note to the League of Nations is supported by Soviet Russia, who only representative in the Balkans is in Albania and who is alleged to have taken advantage of the present situation to prevent the re-establishment of peace in the Balkans.

ALBANIA'S APPEAL.

A cable dated London, December 20, reads:—
Albania has appealed to the Powers and to the League of Nations complaining of Serbian aggression, which has recently been causing much frontier fighting. She requests the League to bring the matter before the Council at the earliest opportunity.

Because the Shanghai District Chamber of Commerce has been compelled to make loans of various sums of money to the different military leaders, including General Lu Yang-shang, Ho Feng-lin, Sun Chuan-fang and Chang Yuen-ning, under his terms, the chairman, Mr. Yao Ts-zai, has tendered his resignation, states the Chinese press. The latest demand for a loan has come from General Chang, who has asked for an advance of six months' pay for his troops, as well as funds for current expenditures.

NERVES.

N.Y. "WORLD'S" WRITER REPORTS ANXIETY.

JAPAN BOGEY AGAIN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 22

Cabling from London, the correspondent of the New York "World" reports an undercurrent of anxiety in high quarters regarding the situation in the Far East. He suggests that, after months of negotiation, Japan is about to conclude a treaty with Russia, under which the question of Saghalien will be settled so as to give technical sovereignty to Russia but so as to assure to Japan practically economic control, including the product of the Saghalien oilfields.

Correspondent's Opinion.

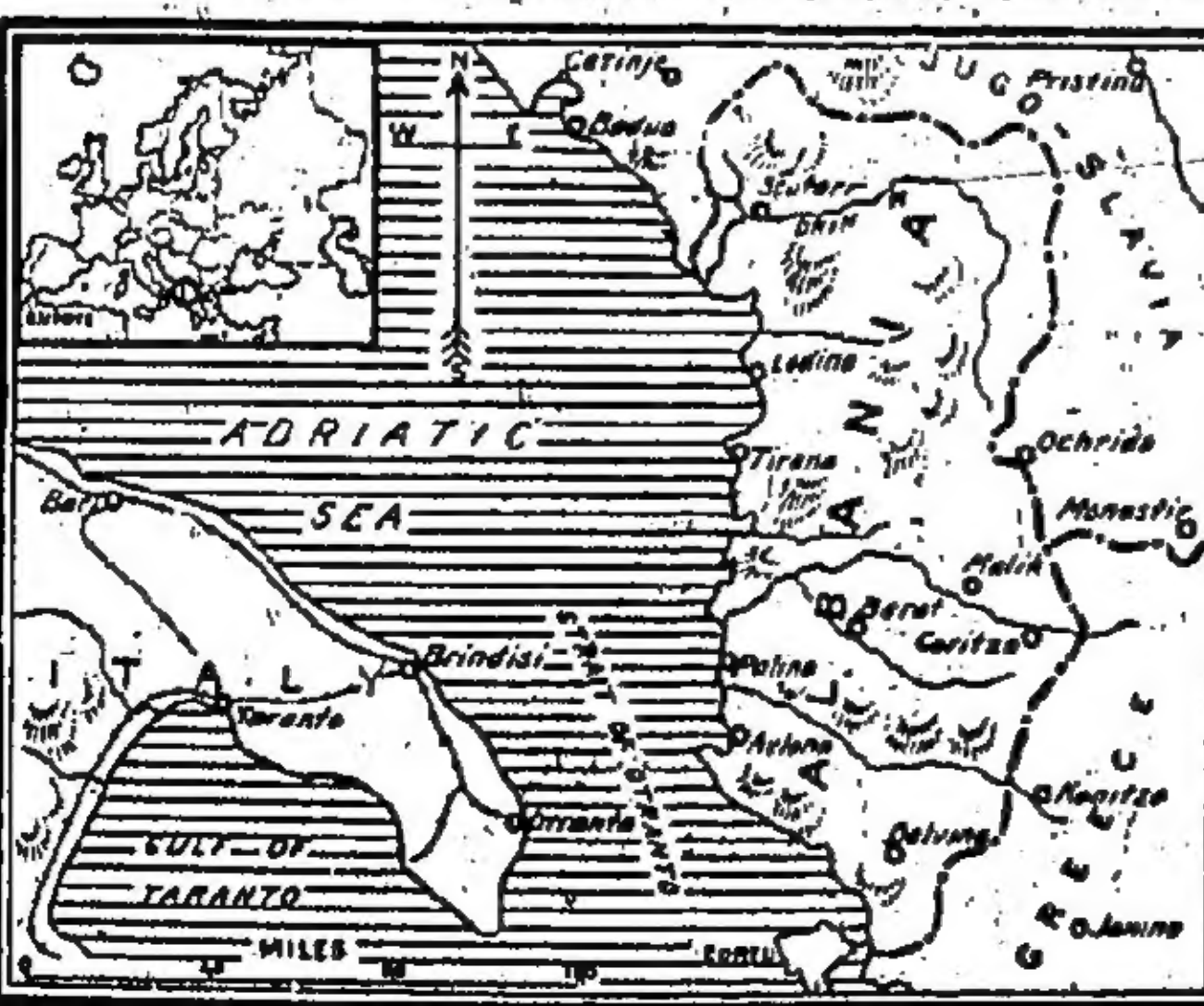
The correspondent expresses the opinion that the Baldwin Government, having committed itself to the Singapore base, feels that henceforth Britain and the United States must regard themselves as belonging to one group, Japan and Russia and possibly China to another.

The "World's" Washington correspondent understands, however, that American officials do not share the uneasiness indicated in the message of the "world" correspondent, due to the alleged drift towards a Soviet-Japanese friendship and increasing Japanese activities in China.

America Not Alarmed.

The proclamation, on Tuesday, that no issues between Japan and America are outstanding, is supported by recent expressions of Viscount Hayashi, Japanese Ambassador to London, and Mr. Matsudaira, Japanese Foreign Minister, (deprecating Hagokum) sums up the confidence felt by the American Administration in the preservation of Japanese friendship, the strengthening of which is anticipated with the coming to Washington of Mr. Matsudaira as Ambassador.

MORE TROUBLE IN EUROPE'S STORM CENTRE.



This map shows the scene of the fighting in the Balkans. Albania is mainly occupied by mountains and high plains. The Albanians are partly Mahomedan, partly Christian. They are not confined to Albania, but are found also in many parts of Greece, and also in Lower Italy, Sicily, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Slavonia, and Dalmatia. Their total number is estimated at below 2,000,000.

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HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

26th Dec. 27th Dec. 28th Dec. 1924.
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MANTUA MARU ... Tuesday, 27th Dec.
CANADA MARU ... Friday, 30th Jan.
SUNDAY—Via Singapore and Colombo ... Tuesday, 31st Dec.
SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Penang) ... Sunday, 4th Jan.
SAIGON—Bangkok and Singapore ... Friday, 2nd Jan.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Hongkong ... Sunday, 28th Dec.
HAGUE MARU ... Monday, 28th Dec.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
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NEW YORK—Via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.JAPAN PORTS
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AMAKUSA MARU ... Sunday, 28th Dec. at 11 a.m.
SARAGO MARU ... Sunday, 4th Jan. at 11 a.m.
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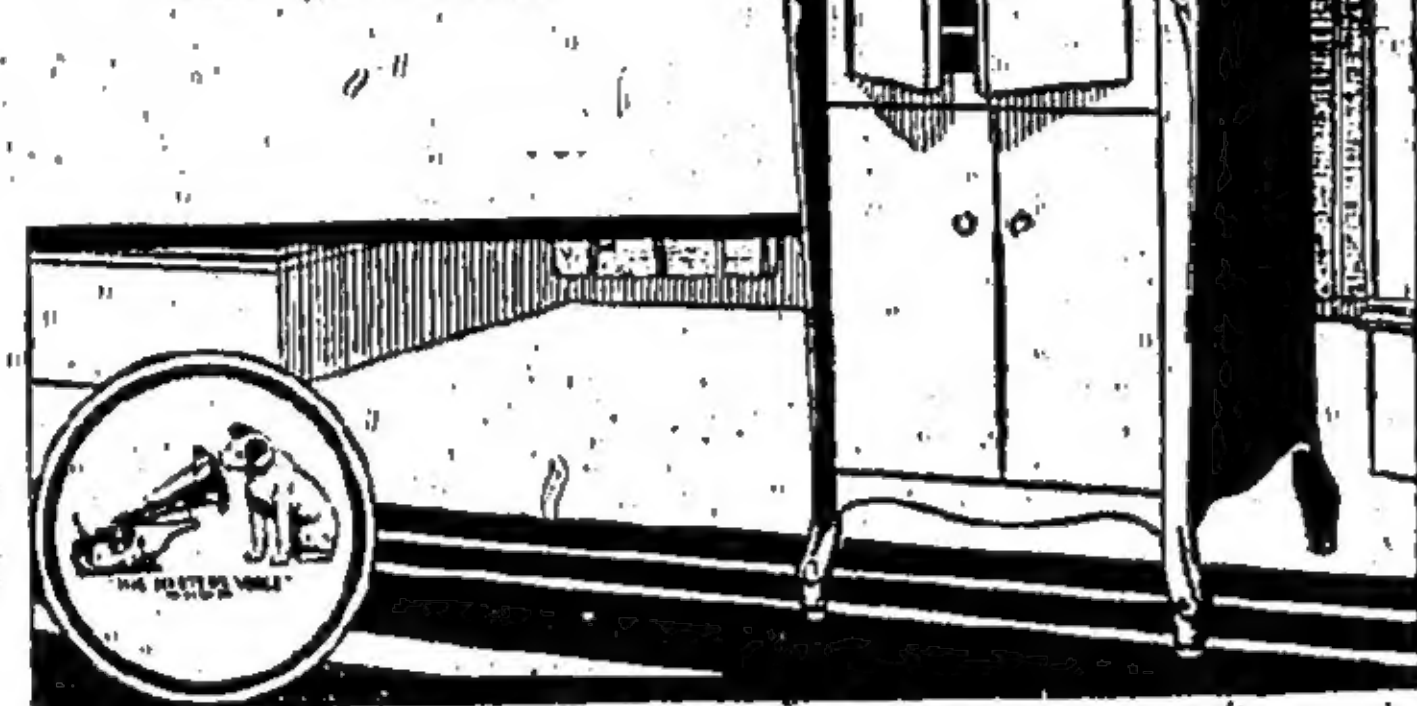
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BIRTHS.

(Corrected.)

LAW.—On December 17, 1924, at
Shanghai, the wife of H.
Dudley Law, of a daughter.

OGDEN.—On November 29, at
Chengtu, to Mr. and Mrs.
A. G. N. Ogden, a son.

MARRIAGES.

SCOTT-SINCLAIR.—On Decem-
ber 18, 1924, at Shanghai,
Harry Hodge Scott, of
Dundee, to Jessie Blyth
Sinclair, daughter of Mrs.
Sinclair, of Dundee, Scotland.
SUTCLIFFE-WILKINSON.—
On December 17, 1924, at
Shanghai, Geoffrey Helme
Sutcliffe, to Martha Rose
Wilkinson.

DEATHS.

ELVINS.—On December 18,
1924, at Shanghai, Izolina
Medina Elvins, beloved wife
of Thomas J. Elvins, in her
50th year.
SCHWARTZ.—On December 18,
1924, at Shanghai, Alexander
A. Schwartz, aged 56 years.

Hongkong, Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1924.

SHANGHAI MURDER MYSTERY.

Facing much the same problems
as Shanghai faces in coping with
crime, Hongkong has been little
less startled than the Northern
Settlement by the brutal murder

of Miss Olesen, the Danish lady
who was done to death in her
Bubbling Well home last Tuesday.
Fortunately, such tragic events
are as rare in Shanghai as they
are in Hongkong. Usually the
motive is robbery, but in the
present instance the motive, it
seems, must be found in some-
thing else. Discussing the grim
details of the crime, with a view
to drawing any lessons therefrom
that may prove helpful to the
community, the "China Press"
notes, as one of the facts that
must be put on record, that
certain servants were dismissed a
day or so before the
crime. However, as the Shanghai
paper adds, it would be unfair and
unsafe to deduce from this fact
that these servants had anything
to do with the matter, in the
absence of more direct evidence,
since mere dismissal seems the
slightest of all possible motives
for murder. According to the
"China Press," the unfortunate
woman appears to have gone to
the back door to see someone who
called, and it would not seem
impossible to conclude, either that
she had locked the back premises
in the absence of the servants, or
that the caller was, if the door
were unlocked, a stranger. How-
ever, the use of the back door
suggests that the visitor may have
been a Chinese, for a foreigner
entering through the servants
quarters would render himself
somewhat conspicuous to servants
in other houses, some of whom
would be likely to be about at that
time of the day. On the other hand
foreign mendicants are sometimes
known to make their calls at back
doors. Still further mystery is
added owing to the information
that the victim had been nervous
for some time previously and had
on occasions sought to obtain a
police whistle, all of which seems
to point to a stranger having been
the culprit. For had she been dis-
quieted by reason of her own
servants, it seems inconceivable
that she would have retained them
in her employ. Coming to the
conclusion that while the murder
cannot be classified as an armed
robbery, it is symptomatic of the
times, through which we are pass-
ing, the "China Press" observes
that although it is not possible for
the individual to be always on the

lookout for disaster, it is never-
theless possible for everyone to
take certain precautions which
may have the effect of preventing
crimes. For example in a certain
foreign home in the French Con-
cession it had been the custom for
the servants to admit callers to
the front vestibule of the house
while the servant went to inform
his employer that a caller had
arrived. A few days ago when the
servant returned to the front door
he found the caller had departed
and with the caller all of the cloth-
ing hanging on the hooks in the
front hall. This is only another
example of how householders have
but themselves to thank some-
times for such crimes, and the
moral is, whether it is murder or
robbery that is feared, no pre-
caution is too small, for it is
useless to lock the stable door
after the horse has been stolen.

Hongkong's Schools.

Expressions of opinion contain-
ed in the sermons of the Rev. J.
Kirk Macdonald have led in the
past to interesting controversies,
and it is unlikely that certain
passages in a sermon delivered by
him in the Union Church on
Sunday morning will pass without
comment from representatives in
the local educational world of
those whose work is connected
with schools and colleges in Hong-
kong who cater for Chinese youths
of well-to-do parents. Although
it is sometimes misleading to take
isolated sentences away from their
context, Mr. Macdonald, in the
course of an appeal for the New
Territories Inland Mission with
which his Church is connected,
certainly left the impression that
it was his opinion that China
would benefit to a considerably
greater extent if the money, which
is now being employed in cities
like Victoria on the education of
Chinese youths who can afford to
pay for a secondary school educa-
tion, was devoted to work among
the poorer classes in inland China.
The retort which would spring to
the tongue of many would be that
as most of the educational institu-
tions to which Mr. Macdonald
referred are under the wing of
missionary societies, the remedy
would appear to be largely in the
hands of ministers of the Gospel
whose voices surely must carry
weight in the councils of such
organisations. The case of Mr.
Macdonald would appear to be a
little different, however, for if our
memory serves us correctly, the
only schools in the Colony main-
tained by the Missionary society
with which he is most intimately
connected by reason of his
denomination (the London Mis-
sionary Society) is the Ying Wa
school, the boys' section of which
was recently given up through
financial reasons. This does cater
for the poorer classes and so Mr.
Macdonald's opinion would appear
to be directed against schools sup-
ported by organisations of other
denominations. He was careful
to make it clear that he did not
make the remarks with any idea
of detracting from the good work
which these schools did, and if
controversy is raised there is no
reason why bitterness should creep
into it; frank interchange of
opinion, however, by those who
have had experience would be of
interest to many.

Corner-Kick Surprise.

Local football enthusiasts will
have read with surprise of the
sensational incident which occur-
ed on November 15, in the game
between Woolwich Arsenal and
Everton in the first division of the
League. Chedzoy, of Everton,
taking advantage of the recent
alterations in the rules, which fail
to define the corner-kick as a free-
kick, dribbled the ball on his own
from the corner flag, instead of
kicking it once only, in the manner
in which all corner and freekicks
have had to be taken in the past.
Previously, when a corner-kick
was taken the player taking it was
debarred from touching the ball
again until some other player had
kicked it. The ball was usually
kicked from the corner flag into
the mouth of the goal. During
the summer, the International
Board altered the law to allow a
goal to be scored direct from a
corner-kick, whether or not it was
touched by a second player. In
altering the law, the Board deleted
that part of it which kept the
corner-kick under the same
restriction as the ordinary free-
kick. Doubtless the omission was
unintentional, but as Chedzoy
was not pulled up by the referee,
it is to be presumed the new law
admits of similar interpretation
by other footballers. Once the
surprise element of this new
departure has been overcome,
however, there is little material
advantage to be gained from it,
since the opposition will detail a
player to "mark" the man taking
the corner-kick.

FOOTBALL.

SURREYS BEAT KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

[By "Dutchie."]

This game was played at
Kowloon yesterday, before a very
large crowd, the majority of
whom were Servicemen.

The teams lined up as
follows:—
Kowloon Residents:—Beach;
Wheeler, Wynne; Mair, McKelvie,
Duncan; Clemo, Howard, Jones,
Rocha, Brown.

Surreys:—Douglas; Cooper,
Jordan; Pether, Mitchell, Bris-
towe; Charlesworth, Eaton,
Humberstone, Butler, Mackles-
worth.

After McKelvie had won the
toss, Mr. R. M. Dyer started the
game, and fairly even exchanges
took place until a miskick let
Humberstone through, but Beach
managed to save, and the Kow-
loon left going down Rocha fin-
ished a nice piece of work by
sending behind. A few minutes
later saw Jones through and what
seemed a certain goal was nulli-
fied by the player concerned
treading on the ball when about
to shoot. Cooper cleared with a
hefty kick and the Surreys right
getting away, Charlesworth sent
over a lovely centre for Humber-
stone to beat Beach, the ball
going between the latter's legs.
Encouraged by the shouts of their
supporters, who now they had
got one goal wanted more, the
Surreys forwards again attacked,
and Macklesworth forced a corner
off Wheeler. This was cleared
by McKelvie after Eaton had sent
in a very hot one that the former
just managed to stop. Later
Macklesworth hit the side of the
net with one of his favourite
oblique shots. The Surreys were
having most of the game, but
there was not a lot of energy
being wasted. Eaton handled
close, in and Wheeler taking the
kick sent to Jones; the latter
winged the ball to Brown who
beat both Pether and Cooper and
scored, the ball going over
Douglas's head.

Half-time: One goal each.

Give and take play opened the
second half for a time, until
Macklesworth tried a nice run
down the left and shot. Beach
saved, but sent to Eaton who was
in front of goal. What should
have been a certain goal was
nullified by Eaton punching the
ball down. Later Macklesworth
again sent in a fine centre that
Butler ballooned over. The Sur-
reys' shooting at this juncture
was very poor; otherwise they
could not have failed to increase
their score from the chances pre-
sented to them. The Kowloon
forwards now got moving and
Clemo sent in a nice centre.
Jones with only Douglas to beat
sent straight at the goal.
McKelvie received from the clear-
ance and just missed the upright
with a hard grounder. Brown
forced a corner off Cooper, but
sent the free-kick behind. Play
being transferred, Wynne sent
behind when being hard
pressed by Eaton and Charles-
worth; the latter took the kick
and Bristowe headed over. The
Surreys renewed the attack and
Beach saved from Humberstone,
but the player, not to be denied,
came again. Beach got to the
ball and kicked clear, but the re-
feree awarded a goal, the ball
evidently going over the line.
Time was now getting short and
Kowloon played all they knew to
equalise, but Jordan and Cooper
kept them out, although the latter
was limping badly. In the last
minute of the game, a nice piece
of contribution between Charles-
worth and Eaton saw the latter
score the third goal from twelve
yards out. Result: Surreys, 3;
Kowloon Residents, 1.

COMMENT ON GAME.

There was not two goals differ-
ence between the teams, but
whereas the Surreys took advan-
tage of all opportunities, the
Kowloon forwards missed some
very good chances. Jones in par-
ticular was very weak in his
shooting. Eaton was good, as
also were Macklesworth and
Humberstone. Charlesworth did
not play his usual game. The de-
fence was good, but they seemed
inclined to take the Kowloon for-
wards too cheaply. In the Kow-
loon defence, Wheeler and
Duncan showed up conspicuously;
the latter having plenty to do
looking after Eaton. None of
the forwards were brilliant,
although at times the left wing
gave some exhibitions of that
combination they are noted for.
Mr. F. Smith had charge of the
game.

Do You Breathe the Night?
Coughs and colds always seem to grow
worse at night-fall and soon comes
without waiting at midnight. Avoid an
anxiety, for the sleepless night by keep-
ing in the home a bottle of Chamberlain's
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XMAS CARD.

A TOPICAL ESSAY.

(By Gladys Kilby.)

The Christmas card, in common
with many other inanimate
objects, has a varying signifi-
cance.

To the bachelor it is either a
nuisance or a discreet form of
valentine; to the benedict it is
the atrophy he finds on the
mattress of his mother-in-law
conveying lying sentiments under
a forged signature (his own); to
the lonely it spells the magic word,
Friend; to the profiteer it re-
presents 'Business, good or bad
according to the status of the re-
cipient or donor thereof; and so
on ad infinitum.

The reality of the Christmas
card is understood only by child-
ren, and because there will always
be children, so will the Christmas
card never really die. The
triumphant discovery of the shop-
"where you can get ha'penny
ones" the laborious hours of
choosing when the "shop-lady"
kindly looked the other way, the
final allotment of the swallows to
Uncle Joseph, the horse-shoe to
Susan, and the frosted snow-
scene to Nancy, the painful
addressing of envelopes, the un-
fortunate appearance of a forgot-
ten great-aunt, the unwritten and
careful law of "pencil only" and
the rich harvest reaping all
such careful preparation—the
small child the Christmas card
means all these things.

To the grown-up child the
Christmas card also has many
compensations, and many a
whimsical folly has been com-
mitted in that exasperating and
exhilarating last half-hour on
Christmas Eve just before the
shops shut. It is so infinitely
tempting to dispatch that bunch
of forget-me-nots to a creditor,
that true-lover's-knot to the
couple next door who are separat-
ing next month, and the black cat
singing upon the tiles to the lady
whose feline you surreptitiously
disposed of the week before last.
It is, alas! a madness which
passes with the putting up of the
shop shutters, and the coming of
that silver streak in your hair—
unless you happen to be one of
the delightful Elect who are never
afraid of doing foolish things; in
which case of course the gods love
you and you will die young.

The Christmas card is an out-
ward and visible sign of an
inward and spiritual grace,
whatever may be said by its
enemies, and in this material
world it is just as well to encour-
age its humble presence. Behind
the cupboard love which, to the
cynical, may sometimes seem to
lurk in such a token of remem-
brance, there may lie hidden a
whole wealth of inarticulate
affection. He who would not
dare to express himself in Christ-
mas card language may hide his
real self within that folded
square of cardboard.

There are so many lean robins
in this hungry world that it is
nice to know plump ones exist,
even if only pictorially; there are
so many motor-cars and cinemas,
so much telephoning and broad-
casting that it does us good once
in a while to have a private,
sentimental, reaction, and try to
get back that old-fashioned
Yuletide feeling we have so
nearly lost.

Good luck to Christmas cards
and their attendant aggravations.
Good Luck to holly and pricked
fingers, Good Luck to mistletoe
and dark corners, Good Luck to
carols and (not even a heart
full of peace and good-will can
prevent me) Good Luck a thou-
sand times to the jugs of cold
water I shall most certainly pour
upon the carol-singers!

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

SOME OF THE TEAMS ENGAGED.

The following will represent the
Club over the holidays:—

On Club Ground on December
26, and 27 at 11 a.m. against the
Royal Navy, the team will be:

H.K.C.C.—R. Hancock (Capt.),
T. E. Pearce, E. B. Reed, Rev.
E. K. Quick, Rev. T. B. Powell,
A. C. I. Bowker, R. E. A. Webster,
H. Owen Hughes, G. R. More,
W. Galloway.

At Kowloon, on December 26 at
10.30 a.m., the Club will depend
upon:

H.K.C.C.—H. E. Hollands,
(Capt.) M. M. Watson, J. F.
Bridger, J. D. Crawford, H. Spicer,
H. J. Stevenson, D. E. G. Nicholson,
W. Brackenridge, G. H. Pieter,
R. A. Arthur, H. H. Howell.

Against the University, at
Pokfulam on December 27, at 2
p.m. the Club selections are:—
H.K.C.C. (Capt.) M. M. Watson,
L. P. Ralph, H. Griffin, H. G.
Burns, H. M. Howell, H. Spicer,
H. J. Stevenson, T. L. Jenkins,
J. F. Bridger, G. R. Vallack.

BOXING.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-NIGHT AT CITY HALL.

[By Argus.]

Despite the counter attraction—the annual Police Ball—booked for to-night's Boxing Tournament is most satisfactory, it was announced this morning.

Owing to previous bookings of the City Hall, to-day is the only date available before the end of January on which the Hongkong Boxing Association could arrange the tournament.

Mr. J. Brook, the Manager, on whom devolves the chief responsibility for arranging the contests, has provided a programme full of promise. Below will be found the order in which the bouts will take place unless necessity arises for making a change.

For example, should one of the minor contests not last the full number of rounds, it is the intention to stage the ten-round heavy-weight contest just before the interval and open the second half with a six round contest as a preliminary to the main bout of the tournament—the contest between Jim Cartledge, R.N. and Captain Matty Smith of the Light-Weight Championship of the Colony and the Association's Belt. This should provide a better fight than on last occasion, but I still expect Cartledge to prove the victor.

Other Events.

By no means all interest centres in the main event, however. The 10-round heavy-weight contest between Stoker Booth, H.M.S. "Hollyhock" and Leading Seaman Francis, H.M.S. "Titania," should prove a close affair. Booth, who was heavy-weight champion of the South African Station in 1921, has a number of good victories to his credit. Francis won the heavy-weight contest open to men from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines in 1922 and was runner-up in the I.S.B.A. championships one year.

Of the other entrants, both Stoker Young and Pte. Eaton can be depended upon as was demonstrated on November 15, to give a clean display of "energetic" boxing. On the last occasion, the soldier won on points. He will probably do so again, as he combines science with his punches, whereas the naval man depends more upon the weight behind his blows.

Bandsman Wareham will be up against a stiff proposition when he meets Signman Rogers. I understand the latter only lost by a narrow margin in a 10-round bout with Cartledge. He was feather-weight champion of the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets in 1921-1922.

Able-Seaman Bland is taking the place of Stoker Lee in the other light-weight contest as Lee has injured one of his hands. His opponent will be Telegraphist Emmerson, of H.M.S. "Marazion," who won the Chatham Port Divisional Championship in 1922. He claims never to have been knocked out.

The welter-weight bout between A. B. Campbell, of H.M.S. "Titania" and Pte. Barber, of the Surreys, should also provide excitement. All in all the programme is distinctly attractive.

Mr. A. Murdoch will referee the main bout and will arrange officials for the other bouts this evening.

The time-keepers will be Messrs. A. B. Allan and C. Bond. Mr. M. M. Watson, during the absence of Mr. T. G. Bennett, is officiating as Hon. Secretary.

The programme follows:—

Middle-Weights (6 rounds).

Stoker P. O. Young, H.M.S. "Diomedes,"

versus

Pte. Eaton, 1st E. Surreys.

Light-Weights (6 rounds).

Bandsman Wareham, 1st E. Surreys.

versus

Signman Rogers, Stonecutters W.S.

Welter-Weights (6 rounds).

A. B. Campbell, H.M.S. "Titania,"

versus

Pte. Barber, 1st E. Surreys.

Light-Weights (6 rounds).

A. B. Bland, H.M.S. "Despatch,"

versus

Telegraphist Emmerson, H.M.S. "Marazion."

Heavy-Weights (10 rounds).

Stoker Booth, H.M.S. "Hollyhock,"

versus

Ldg. Seaman Francis, H.M.S. "Titania."

Light-Weight Championship (15 rounds.)

S.P.O. Jim Cartledge, R.N., Dockyard, Light-Weight Champion of Colony.

versus

Capt. Matty Smith, Ex-Light-Weight Champion of Australian Expeditionary Forces.

POLICE FUNERAL.

SUB-INSPECTOR JAMES MURPHY BURIED.

The remains of the late Sub-Inspector James Murphy, who died in the early hours of Sunday at the Civil Hospital as the result of a fall on December 16, were laid to rest at Happy Valley Cemetery last evening.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Father Spada. Large Attendance.

There was a large attendance of the deceased's colleagues and friends at the graveside, including Inspector and Mrs. T. Murphy, Inspector John Murphy and Mrs. Lysaught, (sister) as chief mourners, Messrs. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Deputy Superintendent of Police, L. H. V. Booth, J. Kerr, and C. G. Perdue, A.S.P.; Chief Inspector Kent, Chief Detective Grant, Mrs. Dorling, Inspector, and European Police officers from all the Police Stations, Messrs. T. N. McReynolds, representing the Basma Club, S. Coom, H. H. Rose, Brett, of the P.W.D., Knight, Lanigan and Grimmett, of the Revenue Office, and many others.

The Wreaths. Among the numerous wreaths laid on the grave were the following:—Kathleen and Arthur, Caroline and Margaret Lysaught, J. J. Murphy, M. Murphy, The Hon. C.S.P. C. G. Perdue, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Wodehouse, Inspector and Mrs. Kent, Inspector Grant, Ex-Active Service Men's Association, European's Mess, Victoria Gash, Chinese Searching Staff, Mr. and Mrs. Purden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Taylor, Inspector and Mrs. Appleton, Inspector and Mrs. Ogo, Inspector and Mrs. Angus, Inspector and Mrs. A. R. Clarke, Inspector and Mrs. Poncott, Inspector and Mrs. Cashman and family, Inspector and Mrs. Barker, Inspector and Mrs. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Swan and Sergeant Quarrell, Mr. and Mrs. Marks,

CORONER'S COURT.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH IS VERDICT.

A coroner's enquiry was held yesterday afternoon by Mr. E. W. Hamilton into the death of a Chinese who was killed by a motor car driven by Mr. F. M. Soares near the Po Hing Theatre, Yaumati, on December 7. Messrs. C. Lauritsen, W. M. Cheng and Lau Wal-kin acted as jurors.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios watched the proceedings on behalf of Mr. Soares.

Dr. W. Moore testified to the injuries sustained by the deceased. After the evidence of Mr. F. W. Ribeiro, who was in the car at the time of the accident, and of Mr. Soares had been taken, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Grimmett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bloer, Mr. and Mrs. Lanigan, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Gable, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Statham and family, Mrs. A. F. Ramsey and family, Bob and Mrs. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Lance Sergeants' Mess Central, Sergeant and Lance Sergeants' Mess, Water Police Station, Yaumati Police Station, Ah Cheung and Servants' Staff, Yaumati Police Station, Shamshupo Police Station, Inspectors Aris, Bond and Moody, Messrs. Richard Lanigan, Pat Wynne, S. Logan, T. Collins, J. F. Kennedy, T. K. Whelan, M. McTiernan, P. J. Shanahan, Fallon, Henry and Fred Dixon, McLellan, P. A. Dixon, J. Hurley, P. Kellett, W. Spier and Wilson, T. Daly, W. Ryan, M. J. Flattery, S. Smith, Robert Watt, Reuch and Harrison, Coherty, M. O. Connelly, J. Walsh, L. Whant, Sergeants' Mess, A. H. Mason, John, Craig, Nicol, Sand and others.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

RAKOSVSKY KEEN TO AID INVESTIGATION.

"IN INTERESTS OF TRUTH."

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 22. It is understood M. Rakosvsky, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, has sent a letter to Mr. Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) with reference to Sir William Joyson-Hick's statement of December 10 regarding the Zinovieff letter.



M. Rakosvsky

In Interests of Truth.

M. Rakosvsky says in the interests of truth, he desires to assist in the investigation of the matter.

The Soviet Government is prepared to guarantee the unhindered departure from Russia of the person, who supplied the British Government with the document.

Joyson-Hick's Statement.

A London message of December 10 reads:—

Speaking in the House of Commons to-day, Sir William Joyson-Hick (Home Secretary), referring to the Zinovieff letter, said that he was authorised to state on behalf of the Cabinet that, having put the matter in the hands of a responsible committee, they were prepared to accept the statement that the letter was genuine and no forgery. That statement was enough for other members of the Cabinet and he believed it was enough for the people of the country.

The Government did not propose to give the evidence on which opinion was based or disclose names.

Fear Of Reprisals. This was impossible for reasons of safety of individual lives. The Labourites must choose between believing the word of Zinovieff or the statement of the Cabinet (Ministerial Chances).

If Russia wanted to be friends with Britain, let her begin by stopping her world-wide propaganda; keeping hands off India and Egypt and every country we controlled.

GERMAN OBLIGATIONS.

CONFLICTING VERSIONS AS TO FULFILMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, December 12. It is semi-officially emphasised that for the last 4 months the inter-allied control commission has had full opportunity to ascertain that "Germany has fulfilled her disarmament obligations in every field."

The "Five Points." With regard to the "five points," it is declared that a considerable portion of the demands comprised therein have already been fulfilled, while negotiations are pending with regard to others.

What Paris Learns. PARIS, December 22. A message from Berlin states that the inter-allied military commission of control has forwarded to Paris a further fortnightly report. It states that Germany has not fulfilled any of the "five points" laid down at the Ambassadors' Conference regarding disarmament.

U.S. AIRCRAFT.

STATEMENT BY ADMIRAL MOFFETT.

"BECOMING OBSOLETE."

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Admiral William Adger Moffett, Chief of the U.S. Aeronautical Bureau, giving evidence before the House of Representatives' special aircraft investigating committee, declared that only 224 of the 840 aeroplanes in possession of the American Navy could be used effectively in the event of war. Even the 224, said Admiral Moffett, were becoming obsolete.

A WILD WOMAN.

AMUSING SCENE IN YAUMATI COURT.

"JAIL OR BE SHOT"

A Chinese married woman figured as defendant at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in a charge of disorderly conduct brought against her by the police.

The defendant and another woman visited the Police Station last evening to settle a dispute which had arisen between them over a debt of 50 cents, in the course of which the latter was scratched on the arm. There being nothing in the accusations, the parties were ordered to leave. The defendant, however, was not inclined to be in a placid mood, and kept up a running flow of abuse directed mostly at the police, for which she was locked up. It was thought that a night's confinement in the cell would bring the woman to a more reasonable frame of mind, and this morning she was given the option of going away peacefully. This gave occasion for more boisterous language which resulted in the present charge.

Scene in Court.

On the defendant being fined \$5 or seven days' imprisonment, she refused to go down the dock steps, and when she did a further scene was enacted below. The Magistrate ordered her to be brought up again, and doubled the sentence, increasing it still more to \$25 or one month. The woman kept on repeating that she did not care whether she was sent to prison or shot. To restore the normal atmosphere of the Court, the woman had to be removed to be locked up at the Yaumati Police Station.

GERMANY AND LEAGUE.

BERLIN LAYS DOWN CONDITIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, December 22. Germany's reply to the Council of the League of Nations with regard to her entry into the League, makes her adherence conditional on the concession to Germany of the right to decide regarding active participation in the League in the event of punitive undertakings, in view of the disproportionate state of the armaments of the European Powers.

War Guilt Question. An annex to the Note reiterates Germany's claims regarding equality in status of war-guilt; and adds that Germany expects to be admitted to the mandatory system of the League with regard to the former German Colonies.

DUTCH ESTIMATES.

LIBERALS FAVOUR WAR BUDGET.

(Houlder's Service.)

THE HAGUE, December 22. In the second Chamber, during the debate on the War Estimates, M. Tandyk, Minister for War, stated that the Government proposed to appoint a royal commission to examine the programme of reduction of armaments at the Conference at Geneva in 1925, and to make proposals after the Conference concerning the organisation of Holland's defence force.

The Liberal, M. Dreeslihuys, thereupon intimated that the Liberals would vote in favour of the Budget on this occasion.

SAVAGE DOGS.

TWO MORE PERSONS BITTEN.

Henry Choa, living at No. 47, Bonham Road, has reported to the police that he was bitten in the hand yesterday by his chow dog. The dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

Bitten in Leg.

A Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from a dog bite in the left leg. The animal, which belongs to another Chinese, is being kept under observation at Kennedy Town.

ARMS ON SHIP.

CACHE DISCOVERED ON S.S. "TAMING."

Wallat at Pakhoi, prior to reaching Hongkong, the ship's personnel of the China Navigation Company, "Taming," (Captain C. S. Webster) discovered 24 Mausers, 18 revolvers and approximately 7,000 rounds of ammunition, secreted on the ship.

On arrival here the contraband was handed over to the Water Police. The "Taming" left Hongkong on December 21 and

RENTS ORDINANCE.

HOW DOES IT PROTECT TENANTS?

FULL COURT APPEAL.

Hongkong's latest knighted barrister, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., put in one of his few appearances in the actual court of law this morning, the occasion being a Full Court appeal case in which he was for the appellant.

The appeal was against a judgment of Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball's, in which as Puisne Judge he had awarded landlords the possession of houses (66, 68 and 70) Queen's Road East in spite of an order by the Governor in Council exempting the houses from the provisions of Section 4 (1) (f).

In giving judgment Mr. Dyer Ball had said that he did not believe that the legislature contemplated depriving a landlord like the plaintiff of rights expressly given him under the section in question after he had once taken all steps to avail himself of those rights.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ) appeared for the appellant defendants (the tenants) and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., for the plaintiff respondents (the landlords). The tenants were the Man Yee firm and the landlords Li Chan-shi and Chu Chan-shi.

Sir Henry Pollock said that three months' notice had been given by the landlords and whilst it was still current the order of exemption had been made by the Governor.

Protection Of Tenants.

He would venture first at the outset, said counsel, to make the broad general observation that the Rents Ordinance of 1922 had been passed for the relief of tenants in two respects—to protect them against the payment of excessive rent and to prevent them being turned out of possession. The suggestion had been put forward that the provisions of S. 24 were limited to the Governor-in-Council making orders in favour of the landlord only, but S. 4 and 24 had to be read and construed together and when this was done it would be seen that the section was just as much for the benefit of the tenant as the landlord. His submission, said counsel, would be that the true effect of the section, taken in conjunction with the other was to give the Governor in Council power, if he considered the circumstances sufficiently exceptional, to act in favour of the landlord and order the tenant out although none of the many alternatives in section 4 might be cited in his favour.

[Case proceeding.]

HARBOUR RULES.

TOO MUCH "BLASTING" IN SHANGHAI.

Hongkong might well be interested in the following warning by Shanghai as the trouble complained of is believed to be common to all shipping using wharves. The Shanghai Harbour Authorities notify:—

"The blowing of steam whistles or sirens, except for the purpose of signalling in accordance with the Regulations for preventing Collisions at Sea, or for the purpose of warning vessels of danger, is strictly forbidden."

"Long blasts of whistles or sirens prior to departure from jetties, etc., constitute an infringement of this regulation and those indulging in the practice render themselves liable to the consequences of corrective action on the part of the Harbour Authorities."

Other new notices posted up at the Hongkong Harbour Office refer to the moving 700 feet towards the west bank of the river and will clear of the fairway of a sunken junk at Kuo Chiao Creek and the salvaging of an anchor together with eight lengths of chain at the river outside Woosung.

MARINE COURT.

Fines in sums varying from \$10 to \$50 were inflicted on four unemployed Chinese and a seaman at the Marine Court this morning, for going on board the "Blue Funnel" steamer "Philoctetes" without permission.

Of the four seamen, three were fined \$10. The fourth admitted having two previous convictions and was mulcted in the sum of \$50. The seaman had one previous bad mark and he was ordered to pay \$25.

Inspector B. Bond of the Water Police prosecuted. A letter from the Chief Officer of the ship, certifying that no permission had been granted, was produced before the Warship (Lieut. Commander G. F. Hoje, R.N.)

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1 Doz. Tawny Dry Port

1 Qt. St. Julien Claret

1 Qt. D.O.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin

1 Vino de Pato Sherry

1 phial Pomeranian Bitters

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1 Doz. D.O.M.

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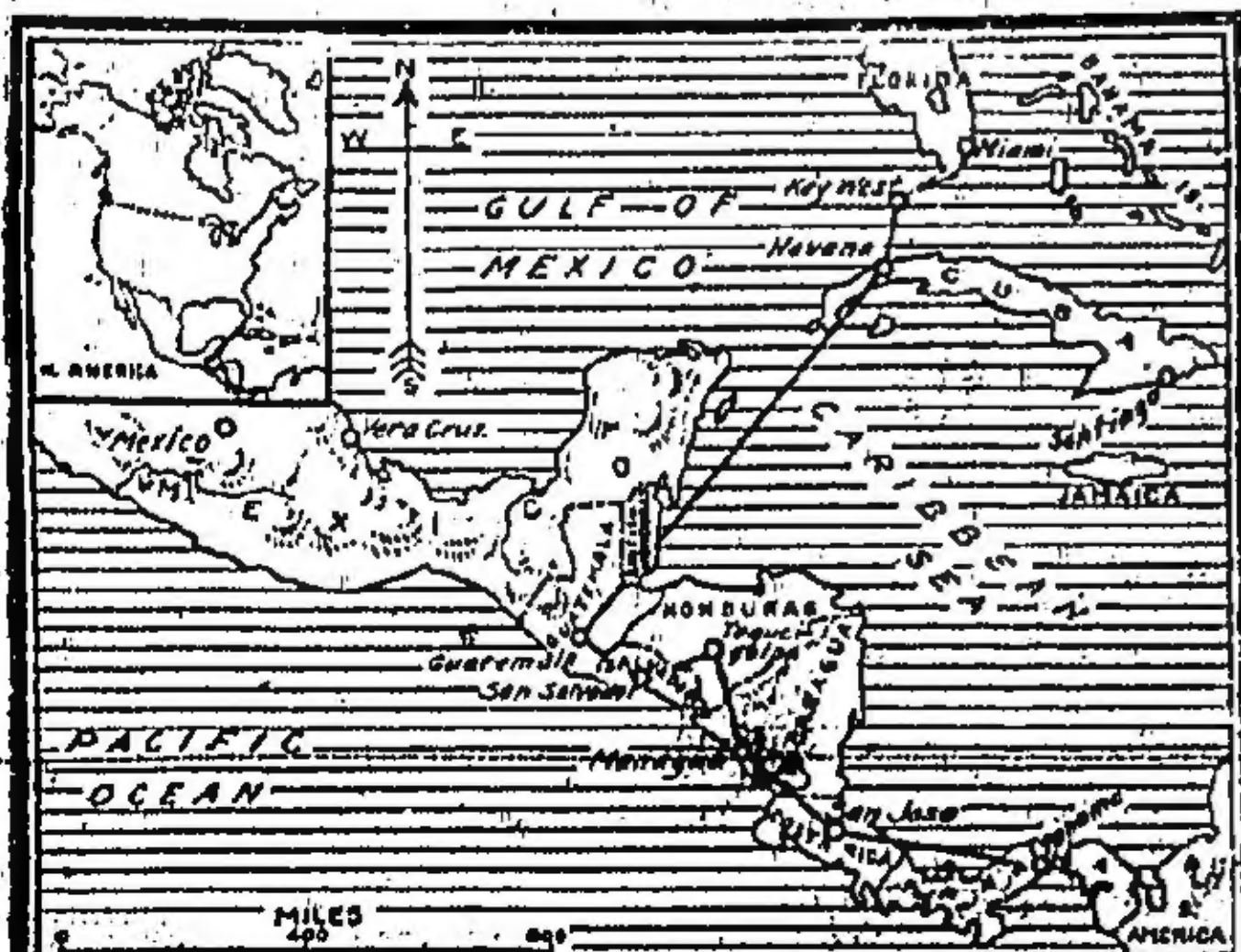
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NEW AIR ROUTES.



AIR MAIL TO LATIN AMERICA—An air mail service linking Hong Kong, Swatow, and Central America, operating 3 times a week. The route measures 2,000 miles, and would expedite mail service between these points, and in forwarding South American steamer mail to and from Panama.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

According to "Le Matin's" Tangier correspondent, the Spanish troops defeated the Anjeras tribes on the 16th inst. The rebels' losses were heavy.

Abdel Hadjelmelgu, who is wanted in connection with the assassination of the Sirdar of Egypt, has surrendered to the judicial authorities.

Notwithstanding the reiterated summons of the leaders, no more than 5,000 Communists attended an open air demonstration, compared with 30,000 at a meeting in July last. They disbanded quietly, without any incident, says a Havas Agency message from Paris.

The "China Mail" has received a most useful pocket Diary and Almanack for 1925 from the P. & O. and British India Companies. It contains in addition information of the great value to the traveller along the routes covered by the two Companies' ships.

The Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Stanley M. Bruce, says a Melbourne cable, refused to comment upon the American Congressman, Mr. Britten's proposal for an international conference of white nations bordering the Pacific. Another Federal Minister said that Australia would refuse to participate. She wished to live at peace with her neighbours.

The art exhibition at the V.R.C. terminated with a fancy dress carnival which was well attended, and a delightful evening was spent dancing to the strains of the "President Pierce's" band. During the evening the pictures which were presented to the Club were raffled for the benefit of the Hongkong Benevolent Society and a good sum was realised. The draw resulted as follows:—First prize, No. 004 Mr. W. Ward; Second prize, No. 230 (Unclaimed); Third prize, No. 231 Mr. Shibahara; Fourth prize, No. 122 (Unclaimed); Fifth prize, No. 297 Mr. P. Ramsay. Prizes may be had on presentation of tickets at the V.R.C.

"Three Chinese died at sea, bodies embalmed by ship's surgeon," is one of the items on the report of the incoming "President Taft" from San Francisco via Shanghai.

On Christmas Day, the "Entry and Clearance" department at the Harbour Office will be open only from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. On Boxing Day and the following Saturday, the working hours are 10 a.m. to noon.

At Wong Nei Chong Road yesterday, a Chinese earth coolie was knocked over by a truck which he was bringing down the hill along with others. In the fall the man sustained injuries to one of his legs, and he is now an inmate at the Government Civil Hospital.

Non-local signals for a typhoon, to the south of the Paracels and Maclelland Bank, have been hoisted at Hongkong. Details are:—Lat. 14 N., Long. 114 E., moving West. It is believed that a centre of low depression exists down there, near the half-way between Hongkong and Singapore. Coupled with the monsoon, it is likely to prove very disagreeable to shipping.

In Penrynfields, about 100 Chinese, now naturalized Britons, are voters. Mr. T. B. Hoste, who has lived 15 years in China, canvassed them on behalf of Mr. Heathcote Williams, Liberal candidate for Poplar South. Mr. Hoste's appeal in Chinese would read in English:—"The gentleman whom I have the honour to assist is supremely and without question the most sincere, the most honourable and in all ways the most beneficent man it is possible for his humble servants to assist. A man who, with lack of humility, has the temerity to offer himself in opposition to the All-Highest is a man totally unworthy of your respectful and affectionate support. He, our master (Mr. Williams), is a man whose foot is at the bottom of the ladder which may lead to universal renown and to the glory of both you and all with whom he is associated."

No papers will be published in England on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

Knocked down by a tramcar at Des Voeux Road Central, a Chinese received several injuries and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The theft of a sum of \$200 some time between Sunday evening and 7 p.m. yesterday is reported by Mr. H. Hancock, occupying room No. 576 at the Hongkong Hotel.

A fire broke out in one of the sheds of the Kowloon Godowns last evening shortly after 5 o'clock. The Brigade arrived promptly and soon extinguished the outbreak. The fire originated in some cases of sulphuric acid, which made the work of the fire-fighters a rather difficult one. The damage is estimated at about \$100.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was meted out at the Central Magistracy yesterday to a Chinese who attempted to extort money by menaces. This was the incident reported in yesterday's issue of the "China Mail" in which the harmless looking person picked out as the victim turned out to be a police detective.

From far-off Chengtu way up in the centre of China's interior, a bulky missive addressed the "China Mail Western News Society" has arrived. It is a notification to politicians, military commanders, special and temporary conventions etc., and others, by Lau Sing-fun who styles himself as the Director of Frontier Defence of Szechuan province.

No further news has been received regarding the s.s. "Haiphong," which as reported on Saturday, left Quinhon on December 3, for Tourane, and had been posted as overdue. She had several hundred tons of inflammable cargo on board and shipmasters have been asked to keep a look-out. It is known that she had rudder trouble prior to arrival at Quinhon. Years ago the "Haiphong" used to trade between the port of the same name and Hongkong but she has not visited this Colony for some time.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. de Jong were passengers for Saigon by the s.s. "Angers" which sailed for Europe on Sunday.

Miss Joyn, who retired from missionary ranks in China four years ago, has been paying a visit to her old friends, Dr. and Mrs. Main, at Hangchow.

The death occurred suddenly at Largert, Scotland, on the 8th ult., from pneumonia, of William Stewart Adam, eldest son of the late James R. Adam, China Inland Mission.

The new Travel Representative of the American Express Co., in Hongkong is Mr. R. W. Jenkins, who comes here from Calcutta, vice Mr. MacGee, who left for Shanghai on the "President Pierce."

The Peking Government has issued a mandate appointing Gen. Hsu Shu-tseng ("Little" Hsu) High Industrial Commissioner to America and Europe, states a "Journal of Commerce" telegram.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs in Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Canton Administration, passed through Shanghai on his way to Hankow to confer with Marshal Hsiao Yao-nan on behalf of Dr. Sun.

Prof. J. B. Taylor, the Director of the Economics Department of Yen Ching University, returning from his trip to England and India, is expected in Peking this week. For three months, in India, he has been studying the methods and results of the India Institute of Economic Research.

Dr. Colbert, who during his visit to America, married Mrs. Leech, late of Tientsin, is understood to be returning to Tientsin shortly to resume practice. It was reported some months ago that he had bought a practice in California and had said good-bye to China, but the plan has changed.

Mr. R. F. Young, who has been acting as accountant of the Hongkong branch of the American Express Co., left for his home in Berkeley, California, via Europe by the "Dollar" liner "President Monroe" yesterday. Mr. Young intends to make a stay in Europe, visiting France, England and Scotland.

The late Mr. Samuel Gompers' estate has been valued for probate at about \$30,000.

Arrivals by the P. & O. s.s. "Soudan" to-day were Miss E. R. Hodgson, Master J. Dunn and Mr. F. G. Jones.

Miss Rose Lau entertained the orphans of the French and Italian Convents, to-day at the Chinese Recreation Club, to tea, sweets, and games. Santa Claus distributed gifts.

The St. Stephen's College Old Boys' Association have engaged a Chinese theatrical troupe, who will give performances in the New Chinese Theatre this month in aid of the new college building fund.

Dr. A. H. Woods, of the Peking Union Medical College, who is now in America, plans to sail from New York about the middle of next month for Liverpool and is due to arrive in Munich early in February, where he will stay until the end of May. Dr. and Mrs. Woods are expected to return to Peking, accompanied by some of their family, in the summer of next year.

The Chinese Club held a reception on Saturday to celebrate its move into its present commodious premises in the Bank of Canton building. Over two hundred members attended and among the guests were the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son and Mr. Liang Shih-yi, a former Premier of China. Mr. H. K. Hung, the President, proposed the continued prosperity of the Club in felicitous terms and briefly reviewed its history.

An interesting presentation ceremony took place at the Bank of Canton on Wednesday last, when Mr. A. G. W. Ogilvie, of the firm of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, was presented by the Bank's Board of Directors, with a handsome and massive silver mandarin cup, as a mark of appreciation for his work in connection with the erection of the Bank's new premises. The presentation was made by the Acting Chairman, Mr. Li Po-kwai, who paid a high tribute to the recipient's painstaking ability. Mr. Ogilvie appropriately acknowledged the gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner, late of Peking, had a very rough time of it before they were safely installed in H.B.M. Consulate at Tsinanfu, says the "Eastern Times." The railway trip from Tientsin to Tsinanfu took 22 hours and was very unpleasant. At one point, a troop train full of hungry troops, who had nothing with them but no means of cooking them, stopped the passenger train for four hours while they impressed the dining-car cook and his assistants into their service and got them to cook a hot meal for the whole battalion.

Gen. Chen Yao-san, former commander of the Fourth Chékang Army Division, which fought under Gen. Lu Yung-hsiang, former Tapan of Chékang, against Marshals Chi Hsieh-yuan and Sun Chuan-fang, has been appointed by Marshal Tuan Chih-chai Commander-in-Chief of the Chékang forces, reports the Chinese press. Gen. Chen, who arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin by the str. "Hsinming," has been in conference with Gen. Ho Feng-ling and Gen. Chang Yuan-ming, former and present Defence Commissioners of Shanghai and Sungkiang, and is said to have gathered together some 2,000 of his old troops, who will be sent to Tientsin for Gen. Lu's new army.

A burglar broke into the house of the British Consul-General at Kobe, Mr. R. G. E. Forster, in the early morning hours of December 2; reports the "Japan Chronicle." Mr. Forster was awakened by the barking of his dog, and went downstairs immediately but found that the thief had already flown after making a search of two rooms, and rifling Mrs. Forster's desk. A loss which is keenly regretted is that of a medal awarded to Mr. Forster's son, who was killed on active service in the European war. A gold wristlet watch and a sum of Yen 20 were also taken. The robber had apparently obtained admittance by breaking a glass panel in an outside door and so manipulating the latch. It is "puzzling" to know how this was done without disturbing the household. The home of Mr. H. S. G. Litt, on the Hill, was also entered several days previously, but the thieves were apparently disturbed, and left without any loot. No arrests have yet been made in connection with these incidents.

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NOTICE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th
December, all departments will
be open until 7 p.m.
On Christmas Day, and Friday the
26th December, all departments will
be closed.

On these days
The Hongkong Dispensary, Dis-
pensing department, will be open for
dispensing prescriptions from 10
a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to
7.30 p.m.
On Saturday, 27th December, all
departments will be open for business
as usual.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1924.

STRUTHERS & BARRY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO and LOS
ANGELES via PORTS.

THE Steamship

"WEST PROSPECT"

having arrived from the above men-
tioned ports, Tuesday, 23rd December
1924, consignees are hereby notified
that their cargo is being landed at
their risk into the hazardous and/or
extra-hazardous godowns of The
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and
stored at Consignee's risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce
an Import Permit signed by the
Superintendent of Imports and Ex-
ports Office, Hongkong, before Bills
of Lading will be countersigned or
Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged
cargo is to be left in the Godowns
where it will be examined at 10 a.m.
Monday, 29th December, 1924, by
Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, Marine
Surveyors.

All Claims must be presented within
ten days of the steamer's arrival
here, after which they cannot be
recognised.

No Claim will be recognised after
the Goods have left the Godowns and
cargo undelivered after 29th Decem-
ber, 1924, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance, whatever will
be effected.

Consignees are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading in exchange
for Delivery Orders immediately.

STRUTHERS & BARRY,
Agent, U. S. S. E. Emergency
Fleet Corporation.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1924.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

COLUMBIA-PACIFIC SHIPPING CO.

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From PORTLAND, ORE.,
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THE Steamship

"WEST KADER"

having arrived from above ports,
CONSIGNEES are requested to pre-
sent their Bills of Lading in exchange
for Delivery Orders, and take
immediate delivery from alongside
steamer.

All cargo not taken delivery from
steamer by 20th December, 1924, will
be landed into the hazardous and/or
non-hazardous godowns of the Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co., Ltd., at consignee's risk, whence
delivery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed and damaged
cargo will be examined by Messrs.
Anderson and Ashe, (Marine Survey-
ors) at the Godown on 24th
December, 1924, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the steamer or
Godowns, and all goods remaining
undelivered after 24th December,
1924, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Underwriter
on or before 31st December, 1924,
or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance whatever will
be effected.

ARNHOLD & CO., LTD.,

Agents,
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1924.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction

ON
WEDNESDAY, 24th Dec. 1924
commencing at 11 a.m.
at their Sales Rooms, 25, The Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co., Ltd., Kowloon.
(For account of the Consignee)

3 Cases Woollen Suits
Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

OR

MONDAY, 23rd December, 1924.

at 11 a.m.
at Godown No. 25, The Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

(For account of the Consignee)

30 Cases Shellac

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PEAK SCHOOL.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES
YESTERDAY.

A large gathering assembled at the Peak Club yesterday evening to witness the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Peak School by Lady Severn.

The prize distribution was preceded by a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment by the pupils. The programme comprised recitations in English and French, dances, and a French playlet, entitled "Les Poupées." A fan dance by the Misses Reid, Birss, Goodfellow and McElderry was well rendered, as also the recitations, "The Winds," by Miss Muriel Gubbly, and "Wishes," by Miss Ailsa Morrison. The careful training of the children by Madame Moussion was shown in the French playlet and in the French recitation by Miss Joan Reid entitled "Le Corbeau et le Renard."

REPORT FOR YEAR.

The annual report of the headmistress, Mrs. P. Y. Stark, which was read by Mr. E. F. Aucott, was as follows:

The school year began with 54 pupils, and, despite a large exodus in March, the numbers kept up until the Autumn. The decrease in numbers then was due to fever and colds. Many children were away ill, even at the end of the Summer term. The average attendance for the year was 45.56.

Throughout the year a great many changes in Staff took place. Miss Gruverson joined us on January 7, and was transferred to Kowloon Junior School on April 1. Miss Cooper went on Home leave in February, returned in September and was appointed Headmistress to Kowloon Junior School. Miss Peck was appointed Kindergarten Mistress to replace Miss Hazeland who went on Home leave in April, returned in October, and resigned. Mrs. Lucy was transferred to Kowloon Junior School in September and Miss Anderson was appointed to take her place. On November 4, Miss Kennedy was appointed as Kindergarten Mistress.

During the Summer and Autumn terms many children were absent with fever. There were three very serious cases, two of typhoid and one of typhus. We are glad to say all three made splendid recoveries and are back at school again. There was no medical inspection throughout the year.

A complete overhaul of the roof took place during the Summer vacation and now it no longer leaks.

Steps are being made down to the new Peak playground. This will presently relieve the congestion in our small school playground and will give easy access to an excellent place for recreation. A very pleasant afternoon was passed at "Tanderege," where the annual school sports were held. Our grateful thanks are extended to Sir Claud and Lady Severn for this entertainment.

Very satisfactory results were shown at both Midsummer and end of term examinations. Also, very good reports have come from Home of the children who left us during the year and are now at school in England.

Discipline has been well maintained and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Staff for their very willing help throughout the year.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution, Miss Valerie Birss presented Lady Severn with a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

The prize list was as under:

Class 6.—Form Prize, Peter Yates; French Prize, Peter Yates; Scripture Prize, Peter Yates; Drawing Prize, Valerie Birss; General Proficiency, Valerie Goodfellow; Special Prize, Joan Reid.

Class 7.—Form Prize, Alec Mackintosh; General Proficiency, Charles Mackie.

Class 8.—Form Prize, Jack Shaw; General Proficiency, Marion Lane; Kathleen McElderry, Muriel Gubbay, Jack Davidson, John Owen-Hughes, George Apear and Ian Aucott; Writing Prize, Rita Hawker.

Infants A.—General Proficiency, Ailsa Morrison, Mary Dunn, Diana Hollands, Noreen Cooper, Evelyn Morrison, Kenneth Griffin, Wallace Ironside, and Patrick Cole.

Infants B.—General Proficiency, Audrey Newhouse, Patricia Cooper, Alison McKay, Jonny Spit, Colin Ironside, Malloch Stark, and David Crook.

An Antiseptic Liniment.

There is no danger of fever from lock-jaw or blood poisoning resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain-Balm is promptly applied. It is antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturing and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale everywhere.

ELLERMAN LINER.

S.S. "CITY OF MANDALAY"
LAUNCHED.

UNIQUE CEREMONY.

London, November 19.—Built for the City Line of the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., Liverpool, the "City of Mandalay," a steel single-screw steamer, was successfully launched by Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., Wallsend yard, yesterday, the christening ceremony being performed by Mrs. W. Mark Pybus. The owners were represented by Captain Black and Mr. R. T. C. Hassell, and the builders by Mr. T. E. Thirlaway (vice-chairman), Mr. C. S. Swan, Mr. G. B. Richardson, Colonel E. W. R. Pinkney, and Mr. C. E. Hunter (directors), and Mr. N. M. Hunter (general manager, Wallsend Shipyard).

Among those present were Mrs. R. T. C. Hassell, Mrs. T. E. Thirlaway, Mr. W. M. Pybus, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bonnia, Mrs. E. W. R. Pinkney, Mr. and Mrs. Winstanley, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pybus, Mrs. F. C. Garrett, and others.

The "City of Mandalay's" leading dimensions are 443 ft. by 57 ft. 6 in., by 34 ft. 4 in. She has a cruiser-shaped stern, a 43 ft. 6 in. long poop, and combined bridge and forecastle about 30 ft. 6 in. long, and is rigged as a two-masted fore and aft schooner. The ship has been built to the highest class at Lloyd's, and designed to carry about 11,250 tons on reasonable draft. There are five cargo holds, with five large hatchways leading to same, and 18 steel cargo derricks, together with 17 steam winches, steam fire extinguishing pipes fitted in all holds, tweep decks, and bunkers. Oil fuel, in addition to water ballast, is carried in the double bottom. There is also a deep tank abait the engine-room. Steam steering gear is placed in the poop, and a steel house amidships provides accommodation for officers, apprentices, and stewards, and above this is a steel house with the captain's room and chart room, the engineers being berthed in steel houses abreast the engine casing. The ship is lighted throughout by electricity, and the accommodation is steam-heated. Amidships will be placed the engines, built by the Wallsend Shipway and Engineering Co., Ltd., and these are of the inverted direct-acting triple-expansion type, with three cranks driving a single propeller, and also the three single-ended boilers arranged for working with Howden Ljungström air pre-heaters and fitted with super-heaters for a working pressure of 225 lbs. per square inch.

BUILDERS' TWENTY-FIFTH.

Tea was served in the board-room, and Mr. T. E. Thirlaway, vice-chairman, who presided, proposed the toast, "Success to the vessel and her owners," and said the vessel was the twenty-fifth which his firm had built at that yard for the Ellerman Company, and he thought she would be equal, if not superior, to those already built. Sir John Ellerman was not with them, because it was quite unusual thing for him to attend launches of his ships. If he did attend launches, he would be doing little else, but he had great responsibilities in his many businesses which prevented him from attending functions.

He was sure, however, that Sir John was with them in spirit, for he (Mr. Thirlaway) did not know of any shipowner who had such a grasp of detail and such a wonderful knowledge of shipbuilding. He took the keenest possible interest in every detail of his vessels.

Mr. Thirlaway presented Mrs. Pybus with a silver casket, and said the launching ceremony was unique, as it was the first time at which they had an official launching of an Ellerman vessel, the others having been put into the water without any fuss.

Captain Black replied on behalf of the owners, and complimented the builders on the excellence of the vessel. He had been connected with the Ellerman Lines since 1865, when a vessel of 1,200 tons was a very big ship indeed. He considered that Messrs. Swan and Hunter had contributed very largely to the big advance that had been made in building up the Ellerman Lines. He endorsed what had been said in regard to Sir John's business abilities, and wished the builders every success, and hoped that ere long the tide would turn for shipbuilders and shipowners, and every shipyard berth would be filled.

Mr. W. Mark Pybus replied on behalf of his wife.

The Chinese press contains a further report that Dr. Alfred Sze (Chinese Minister to the United States) will be re-appointed to the Court of St. James's and that Dr. W. Yen (former acting Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs) will be appointed to succeed Dr. Sze in Washington. It is also reported that Mr. Wang Yung-pao has resigned from his position as Chinese Minister to Japan, and that Mr. Ho Wei-teh (former Minister) has been ordered to proceed to Tokyo to succeed him.

STUDENT ARTISTES.

CONCERTS FOR ST.
STEPHEN'S SCHOOL.

EXCELLENT RESULTS.

To help in the raising of funds for the new school which is to be built on Stanley Peninsula, the boys of St. Stephen's College gave a concert in the main hall of St. Stephen's Girls' School yesterday evening. There was a large attendance. As a great many of the tickets for the continuation concert to be given to-night have already been sold it is confidently anticipated that between two and three thousand dollars will be raised as a result of the boys' efforts.

The hit of the evening was the Chinese play entitled "Too Late," the second part of which will be given to-night. In both this and the shorter play "Henpecked" the boys showed what to many must have been amazing powers of dramatic characterisation.

The programme consisted of:—Welcome, Junior School; Chinese music, Mr. Yau-Hok-chau; "Henpecked" (a short play), the present students; ventriloquism, Mr. Arrowsmith; songs, Mrs. D. J. Brown; Chinese dancing, Chin Woo Club; songs, Mr. A. B. Glanville; Chinese song, Mr. Yau-Hok-chau and Mr. Lau (Chun-ou); "Too Late" (a play), the present students.

The following took part in the play "Too Late":—Yung Chai-hung, San Tze-sin, Chung Yee-fun, Pun Tze-yam, Cho Shiu-yau, Lam Kin-cheung, Ip Wing-kwok, Li Kam-tong, Chang Mo-tong, Ho Hong-ping, Chan Hon-san, Lai Kwok-kin, Lo Shun-mo; Director, Wong Hak-king.

"ROBIN HOOD" SEQUEL.

CORONET THEATRE
ATTRACTION.

The impression made by "Robin Hood," with Douglas Fairbanks, and Wallace Beery, amongst others, was immense. Now we are to have the sequel to that fine film in "Richard, the Lion-Hearted" which is showing at the Coronet Theatre. There will be no Douglas Fairbanks, but the principal part will be taken by Wallace Beery as the King. That is sufficient. Wallace was the King in the previous film, and a regular lion-hearted king he was. Sets rivaling those of "Robin Hood" in lavishness will be shown; priceless rugs, potteries from Palestine; furniture of ebony and mother-of-pearl; jewelled mirrors; combs and chests; specially designed costumes of silks, satins, brocades and furs—these are but a few of the things brought into the theatre. In some of the big fight scenes a reproduction of the town of Joppa, Palestine, was erected. The story itself takes up the thread of the adventures of the great King Richard from the time he left England until his return, and completes the historical representation of the famous period of the Third Crusade. Here is a picture which is educational, thrilling, and glorious, all in one.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

THRILL OF LIFETIME
PROMISED.

Quite a lot of noise was made concerning "One Week of Love" before it reached the Queen's Theatre where it was shown for the first time yesterday. The noise, however, is but a tempest in the proverbial teapot to the devastating explosions that will now greet the film. It has, like Barnum and Bailey's Circus, everything; in fact, it has a great deal more than the particular circus mentioned. Certainly, the tent-show, has no such delectable persons as Elaine Hammerstein amongst its personnel. It promises the thrill of a lifetime.

"One Week of Love" is the sort of story you want to tell all your movie-mad friends about.

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No mother can expect that her child will occupy all the time which babyhood and childhood are subject, but she can do much to mitigate their severity, and to make baby's battles for health easier.

Every prudent mother will keep constantly on hand the means of aiding her little one, when emergency arises. In every home where there are infants and young children Baby's Own Tablets should be found, for these Tablets are mother's ever-ready help and baby's friend.

The action of Baby's Own Tablets is thorough but gentle. They cure infantile indigestion, colic and constipation, check diarrhoea, reduce fever, relieve grip and colds, allay teething pains, expel worms, quiet the nerves, quickly bring back giving sleep in a natural way. Are guaranteed absolutely harmless even to the youngest infant. Four chemists sell Baby's Own Tablets, or not free at 60 cents per box, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 80 N. Orange Road, Shanghai.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST
CHANGES.

Mr. W. Jones, chief officer, "Yunnan," is on reserve.
Mr. D. R. McAlpine from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Yunnan."

Mr. F. R. Cheatham, chief officer, "Langchow," is on reserve.
Mr. W. L. Thomas from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Langchow."

Mr. E. T. Williams, second officer, "Langchow," is on reserve.
Captain J. Pringle, of the "Nanning," is on leave.

Captain D. Williams, from leave, has gone master, "Nanning."
Captain A. R. McEachran, of the "Sunning," is on reserve.

Captain G. D. Mills, from leave, has gone master, "Sunning."
Mr. W. J. Turner, second officer, "Wuchang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. J. Brown has been appointed second officer, "Wuchang."
Mr. G. Gostling, acting chief officer, "Loongwo," has gone supply second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. R. Middleton, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Loongwo."
Mr. H. S. Allison, chief officer, "Loongwo," has gone acting master, same ship.

Captain M. Dowson, of the "Loongwo," is on leave.
Mr. J. W. Best, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Fausang."

Mr. J. J. McLeary, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kutwo."
Mr. H. Miller has been appointed third officer, "Cheong-shing."

Mr. A. C. Newton, third officer, "Cheong-shing," has gone second officer, same ship.
Mr. N. H. Bennett, second officer, "Cheong-shing," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. E. L. Merritt, chief officer, "Cheong-shing," has gone chief officer, "Kumsang."

Mr. F. N. Hopkins, acting chief officer, "Kumsang," has gone second officer, same ship.
Mr. C. R. Harris, acting second officer, "Kumsang," has gone third officer, same ship.

Mr. C. M. Boas, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Leesang."
Mr. A. Sinclair, chief officer, "Leesang," is on leave.

Mr. W. C. Excell, third officer, "Kumsang," has gone third officer, "Hopsang."
Mr. D. N. Vernieux, third officer, "Hopsang," has resigned.

Mr. W. E. Costain, acting chief officer, "Kwangping," has gone second officer, "Kaiping."
Mr. W. Sudbury, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Kwangping."

Mr. J. Shiell, second officer, "Kaiping," has gone supply second officer, same ship.
Mr. G. A. Carter, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Pheum-penh."

Mr. C. T. Everingham, acting chief officer, "Pheum-penh," has gone second officer, same ship.
Mr. H. Wilson, second officer, "Pheum-penh," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Mackinnon, of the "Nairung," has gone master, "Seistan."
Captain C. Trott, of the "Seistan," has resigned.—Shipping and Engineering.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Chipshing (Br.) J. M. & Co., from Tientsin, Weihaiwei.
Soudan (Br.) M. M. & Co., from Kobe, Shanghai.

Taming (Br.) B. & S., from Haiphong, Hongkong.
Chinhua (Br.) B. & S., from Bangkok, Kapsichang.

Kinkiang (Br.) B. & S., from Shanghai, Canton.
Shantung (Br.) B. & S., from Shanghai, Canton.

Philoctetes (Br.) B. & S., from Vancouver, Milke.
Vulcanus (Dut.) A. P. C., from Amoy, Tamsui.

Onderkerk (Dut.) Netherland, Navigation, from Shanghai.
Mondaga (Nor.) K. Larsen, from Dairen.

Produce (Nor.) K. Larsen, from Keelung.
Wan Shan (Chil.) Sai Lu, from Kwong-chow-wan, Macao.

Pres. Taft (Amer.) United States Shipping Board, from San Francisco, Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

Wa Sen (Chil.) Pak Hang, for Shantou.

Sunning (Br.) B. & S. for Shanghai, Amoy.

Wah Shan (Chil.) Sai Lie, for Kwong-chow-wan.

Lingshan (Chil.) Tung Wai, for Canton.

Tak Hing (Chil.) Fook Hoi, for Amoy.

Kwongkung (Port.) Shung Hing, for Kwong-chow-wan.

Vulcanus (Dut.) A. P. C. for Canton.

Sun Lee (Port.) Hang Kee, for Kwong Chow Wan.

Trolius (Br.) B. & S. for Shanghai.

Sinkiang (Br.) B. & S. for Canton.

Banks (Dan.) J. Manners, for Saigon.

AIR MAIL CRASHES.

PILOT KILLED LEAPING
FROM MACHINE.

PARACHUTE FAILS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Aurora, Ill., December 22.—The night air-mail from Chicago to Omaha crashed last night in a snowstorm.

PILOT KILLED.

The dead body of the pilot, Charles Gilbert, was found half a mile from the wrecked aeroplane, seemingly indicating that he leaped with the parachute which was torn from him in the downward rush.

A fragment of the parachute was still attached to the dead man's belt.

XMAS ARCADE.

NOVELTY AT
WHITEWAYS.

A Christmas Arcade is something new to Hongkong shops but the one which has been so tastefully arranged just inside the main entrance to Messrs. Whiteway, Ltd., does not stop short at mere novelty. The stalls and shelves on either side of the gaily decorated archway from which dangle invitingly mysterious Xmas stockings, dolls and other things of delight are stocked with articles as varied in price and character as in novelty.

As of course, it is to be expected of Messrs. Whiteway, Ltd., the line in gentlemen's presents is a comprehensive one and no lady should have difficulty in choosing something smart and serviceable from the articles on display. And whilst at the establishment the fair shopper would be well advised to look at the chair covers, cushions and other such domestic indispensables which are stocked in pleasing variety, the latest conceptions in design being amongst them.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In This Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 23.—Coronet Theatre "Richard The Lionhearted."

December 23.—Star Theatre "The Signal Tower."

December 23.—World Theatre "The Story of the Rosary."

December 23.—Queen's Theatre "One Week of Love."

December 27.—Theatre Royal, Edgar Warwick presents the inimitable Wish Wynn.

January 12 to 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan" 9 p.m., January 14, 4.30 p.m. sports.

December 28.—Theatre Royal, Second Tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association, 9.15 p.m.

December 28.—St. Andrew's v. St. George's Golf Match at Fanling.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

SOCIAL.

December 26.—Grand Carnival, Hongkong Hotel, Grill Room.

December 31.—Repulse Bay Hotel special dinner dance.

LAND SALE.

December 29.—At "P.W.D." Offices, one lot of Crown land, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

December 24.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, 6 cases woolen suitings, 11 a.m.

December 24.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

December 29.—Lammert Bros., at Godown No. 25, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon; 30 cases shellac, 11 a.m.

The report that a human head had been discovered lying on the beach at Tanjong Katong, Singapore, gave rise to a prosecution in the Police Courts, when Mr. D. M. Grant, a Tanjong Katong resident, was charged with failing to report the discovery of a body to the police. It transpired that Mr. Grant had been informed that there was a body in front of his house. He examined the spot indicated by his boy and found a body but saw a head. He gave instructions to his gardener to report the matter to the police, but nothing happened, so he reported the matter personally the next morning. Inspector Cronin said that when a search was made for the body or the head, which they had been told, had been freshly severed, they could find no trace of either. After evidence had been recorded, His Worship cautioned and discharged Mr. Grant.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per A. O. L. s.s. "Pres. Grant" on Dec. 20:—Mrs. Edward Barber, Mr. H. R. Cooper, Miss Edith Davis, Mr. J. Dineros, Mr. C. Fairchild, Mr. T. Fujita, Mrs. B. M. Fuller, Mrs. Myron M. George, Miss Jerry Margaret George, Mrs. Ramson Hall, Mr. K. J. Himes, Mrs. S. Katsometis, Mr. D. K. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lednicki, Master John A. Lednicki, Master Roy A. Lednicki, Mr. Kok Kim Lim, Mr. Ysidoro Malcampo, Mrs. W. S. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Meinke, Miss Francis E. Meinke, Miss Estelle Murphy, Mr. J. H. Pardee, Miss R. Paxson, Mr. Charles Reich, Mr. Luis Reyes, Mr. J. C. Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Shapiro, Master Lawrence Shapiro, Miss A. Singleton, Miss Emma Skale, Mr. J. G. Torrado, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Vance, Miss Sarah Wright, Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hay, Miss Jean Hay, Professor E. Danenberg, Master Danenberg, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, Miss Dunbar, Miss Jean Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook, Miss L. Andrews, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. M. Da Horta, Mr. H. Balchand, Mr. K. Khanchand, Mr. F. Manghammal, Captain and Mrs. J. C. Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Eagles, Mr. William Nernor, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Elliott, Miss E. Elliott, Mr. E. Pangalan, Mr. R. J. Harrison, Rev. W. F. Featherstone, Mr. T. S. W. Chan, Mr. B. Serra, Mr. A. G. Grantham, Mr. F. Vadell, Mr. W. S. Allen, Mr. C. O. A. Bontan, Mr. Go Get, Master Ang Tieng Chok, Mr. Yeo Seng, Mr. Tan Pin, Mrs. Go Hec, Master Yeo Hilario, Miss P. W. Brown, Mr. Jose Quoque, Mr. Chan Chuay Yan, Mr. Ng Chee, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Vance.

Per A. O. L. s.s. "Pres. Grant" on Dec. 19:—Mr. Prescott Childs, Major L. Cassel, Mr. S. C. Chu, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crabtree, Mrs. F. Edgar, Mr. T. J. Edwards, Mr. Fred Ellis, Miss Grace Ellis, Miss Sophia Ellis, Mr. H. Eyang-Heta, Miss Julia Fisher, Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. W. D. Hawkes, Mr. E. C. Holbrook, Mr. Ho Pak Sang, Mrs. Hsieh, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ikeda, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jenkins, Miss Pearl Johnson, Mrs. E. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jones, Mr. A. Komp, Mr. F. B. Kirby, Mr. L. Koenitzer, Mr. K. Kwang, Mr. J. M. Leon, Mr. P. D. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lynch, Mr. C. P. Mak, Mr. C. P. Martin, Mr. G. H. McGrath, Mr. H. P. Mitchell, Mr. Thomas A. See, Mr. J. G. Torrado, Miss Emma Skale, Miss Sarah Wright, Mr. C. F. Wong, Mr. Woo Ba Lin, Judge and Mrs. Erskine Williams, Mr. Hanbury Williams, Miss B. Young, Mr. Young Yen Min, Mrs. Edward Barber, Mr. H. R. Cooper, Miss Edith Davis, Mr. J. Dineros, Mr. C. Fairchild, Mr. T. Fujita, Mrs. B. M. Fuller, Mrs. Myron M. George, Miss J. M. George, Mrs. Ramson Hall, Mr. K. J. Himes, Mrs. S. Katsometis, Mr. D. K. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lednicki, Master John A. Lednicki, Master Roy A. Lednicki, Mr. Lim Kim Kok, Mr. Y. Malcampo, Mrs. W. S. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Meinke, Miss Francis E. Meinke, Miss E. Murphy, Mr. J. H. Pardee, Miss R. Paxson, Mr. C. Reich, Mr. Luis Reyes, Mr. J. C. Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Shapiro, Master Lawrence Shapiro, Miss A. Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Vance.

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Radio Experts' Dean.



M. BRANLY

M. Branly, famous French pioneer radio expert, who recently passed his eightieth birthday in Paris, declined an invitation to be guest of honour at a banquet planned by his colleagues, saying he never dined out, preferring to consume his quiet meals at home with his one glass of red wine.

FAMOUS FORTUNES LINKED.



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Two of America's greatest fortunes, totalling 240,000,000 were united with the marriage in New York City of Miss Anne Elizabeth Whelan, daughter of Charles A. Whelan, United Cigar Stores magnate, to Gilbert W. Kahn, son of Otto H. Kahn, international banker and philanthropist. The wedding presents were valued at \$200,000.

Youngest Divorcee.



MRS. MARGARET DURBIN

Mrs. Margaret B. Durbin, is probably the youngest divorcee in the world. Her husband, Charles Durbin, 25, brought suit, alleging extreme cruelty, gross neglect and fraudulent contract. The girl, only thirteen, denies all the charges. Durbin declares the girl and her family fraudulently represented her as being sixteen at the time of their marriage.

NEW QUEEN OF THE PARIS DRESSMAKERS



Mlle. MARCELLE GUILLON

Mlle. Marcelle Guillon, the new Queen of Paris dressmakers, selected because she designed the prettiest frock of the year made by a sewing woman in the French capital, is shown receiving from M. Moro Giuffieri, in the Hotel de Ville, the official document proclaiming her selection.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



Below: WILLIAM H. ANDERSON & SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES
Below: MRS. MARY K. EGGLESTON & MRS. ALICE LONGWORTH

The Stork is expected for the first time to visit the home of Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth in February. Sir Auckland Geddes, former British Ambassador to the United States, has been appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission on Food Prices by the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin. William H. Anderson, former Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York State, convicted of forgery, will be paroled from Sing Sing prison on Christmas Eve, and will be re-arrested on four charges of theft and extortion. Mrs. Mary K. Eggleston, wealthy widow, has been found guilty of attempting to poison her self-styled fiance, David Ely, realtor, in order to gain possession of his fortune of \$15,000. The plot was bared by a labourer, W. O. Pool, who said he was offered \$40 to administer poisoned wine. Ely, stuck by the woman through the trial, and broke down and wept when she was convicted.

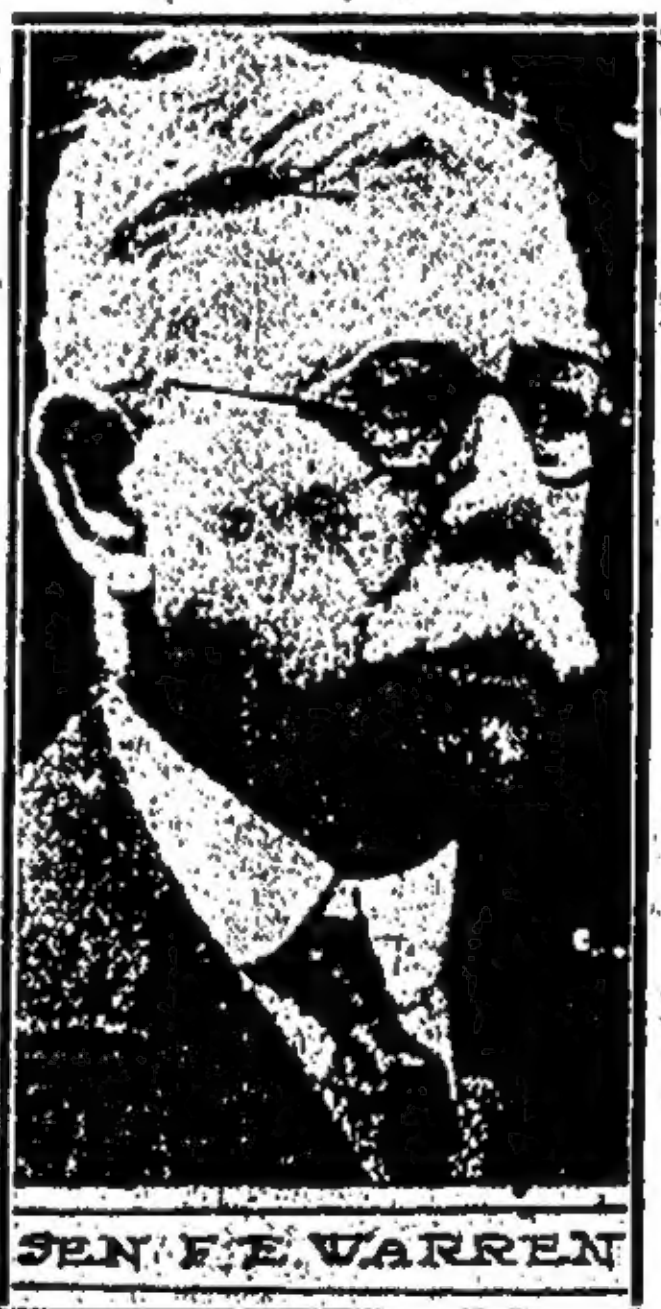
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Warren Is in Race to Lead Senate



SEN. FRANCIS WARREN

Senator Francis Warren, father-in-law of General Pershing, and "the greatest shepherd since Abraham," is in the race to become Republican leader of the Senate to succeed the late Henry Cabot Lodge. He is 80 years old, and one of the richest men in America. He has been in the Senate continuously since 1895.

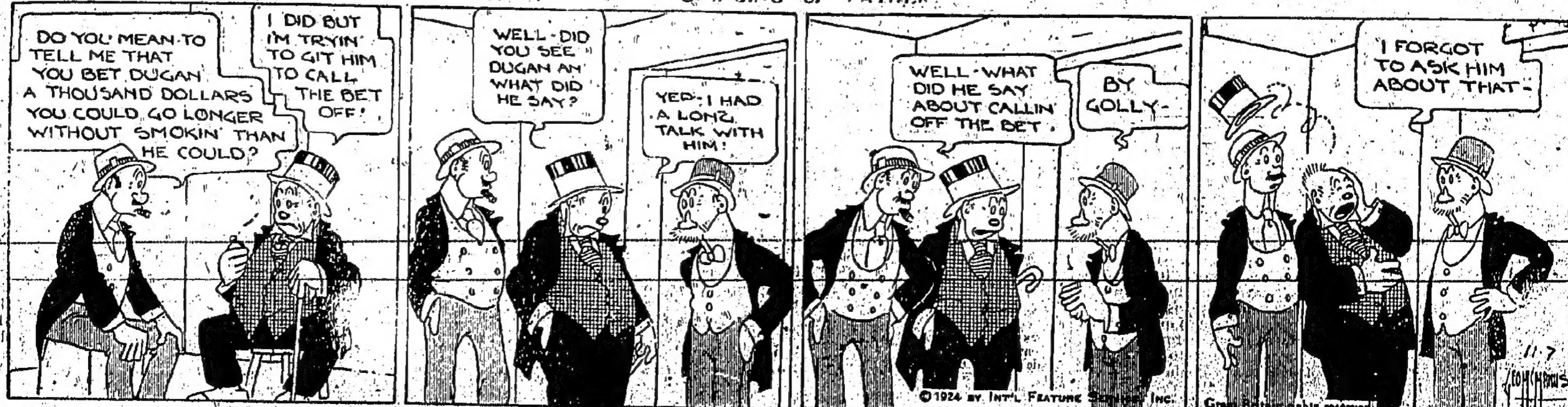
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There will be one collection of letters from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. each day at 9 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.
Shanghai—Sochow
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Straits 2.30 p.m.
Hollow Pakboi and Balphong 2.30 p.m.
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Teui during the years 1908-9.
The zero of the table corresponds with
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miralty Chart, which has been found to
be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level.
To obtain the depth of water on the
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard
add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at
Lanant Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 22 to 26, 1924.

Day	Time	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Standard Time	Height	Standard Time	Height
Mon. 22	10.43	10.43	6.7	11.45	2.4
Tues. 23	9.58	9.58	7.3	11.05	2.0
Wed. 24	9.14	9.14	7.9	10.25	1.6
Thurs. 25	8.30	8.30	8.5	9.45	1.2
Fri. 26	7.46	7.46	9.1	8.65	0.8
Sat. 27	6.58	6.58	9.7	7.85	0.4
Sun. 28	6.14	6.14	10.3	7.05	0.0

Gen. Lu Yung-hsiang has visited
Marshal Tuan Chi-jui in
connection with the assumption of
his new post as Pacification
Commissioner of Kiangsu and
Anhui, states the Chinese press.
Gen. Lu then left for Tientsin,
where he met and conferred
secretly with Marshal Chang
Tso-lin and Dr. Sun Yat-sen. It is
reported that the best northern
troops will accompany Gen. Lu
south and that he will actually
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